

## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### **California's unemployment rate decreases to 10.6 percent** ***Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 12,000***

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate decreased to 10.6 percent in August, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 12,000 during the month for a total gain of 504,000 jobs since the recovery began in February 2010, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate also decreased in August to 8.1 percent.

In July, the state's unemployment rate was 10.7 percent, and in August 2011, the unemployment rate was 11.9 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,346,300 in August, an increase of 12,000 jobs over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change (August 2011 to August 2012) shows an increase of 298,700 jobs (up 2.1 percent).

### **EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA**

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows a decrease in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in August was 16,404,000, a decrease of 38,000 from July, but up 203,000 from the employment total in August of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,935,000 – down by 27,000 over the month, and down by 243,000 compared with August of last year.

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**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 14,346,300 in August, a net gain of 12,000 jobs since the July survey. This followed a gain of 17,900 jobs (as revised) in July.

Six categories (construction; manufacturing; information; financial activities; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) added jobs over the month, gaining 23,300 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 8,900 jobs.

Five categories (mining and logging; trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; other services; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 11,300 jobs. Government posted the largest decrease over the month, down 7,400 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (August 2011 to August 2012), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 298,700 jobs (up 2.1 percent).

Nine categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) posted job gains over the year, adding 329,100 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 103,200 jobs (up 4.8 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.0 percent (adding 33,000 jobs).

Two categories (manufacturing and government) posted job declines over the year, down 30,400 jobs. Government posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 23,400 jobs (a 1.0 percent decrease).

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 501,158 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the August survey week. This compares with 518,605 last month and 543,089 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 51,467 in August 2012, compared with 52,336 in July and 54,463 in August of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**

(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	August 2012 (prelim.)	July 2012 (revised)	August 2011	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	14,346.3	14,334.3	14,047.6	2.1
Mining and logging . . . . .	28.9	29.1	28.6	1.0
Construction . . . . .	580.8	575.7	547.8	6.0
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,243.9	1,243.8	1,250.9	-0.6
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,703.5	2,703.8	2,666.9	1.4
Information . . . . .	452.6	448.5	432.7	4.6
Financial activities . . . . .	781.3	780.6	759.7	2.8
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,233.4	2,235.7	2,130.2	4.8
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,897.2	1,888.3	1,839.7	3.1
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,587.9	1,583.5	1,531.5	3.7
Other services . . . . .	485.3	486.4	484.7	0.1
Government* . . . . .	2,351.5	2,358.9	2,374.9	-1.0
Agriculture . . . . .	382.8	379.3	387.4	-1.2

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**

	August 2012 (prelim.)	July 2012 (revised)	June 2012	August 2011
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,339,000	18,405,000	18,458,000	18,379,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,404,000	16,442,000	16,484,000	16,201,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,935,000	1,962,000	1,974,000	2,178,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . .	10.6	10.7	10.7	11.9
US seasonally adjusted rate % .	8.1	8.3	8.2	9.1

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	August 2012 (prelim.)	July 2012 (revised)	June 2012	August 2011
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,406,000	18,483,000	18,445,000	18,449,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,490,000	16,471,000	16,472,000	16,250,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,916,000	2,011,000	1,972,000	2,199,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	10.4	10.9	10.7	11.9

<sup>a</sup> Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.<sup>2</sup> Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method that removes typical employment patterns that occur at various times throughout the year (e.g., additional retail hiring during the holiday season).

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**  
**August 2012 (Preliminary); 2011 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,405,700</b>	<b>16,489,900</b>	<b>1,915,900</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
ALAMEDA	770,000	698,400	71,500	9.3%
ALPINE	430	370	60	14.6%
AMADOR	16,510	14,610	1,900	11.5%
BUTTE	98,800	86,600	12,200	12.3%
CALAVERAS	19,510	17,050	2,460	12.6%
COLUSA	12,350	10,470	1,880	15.2%
CONTRA COSTA	528,700	480,900	47,800	9.0%
DEL NORTE	11,350	9,860	1,500	13.2%
EL DORADO	90,800	82,000	8,700	9.6%
FRESNO	447,600	384,800	62,800	14.0%
GLENN	12,670	10,820	1,850	14.6%
HUMBOLDT	59,400	53,400	6,100	10.2%
IMPERIAL	76,800	53,800	23,000	29.9%
INYO	9,360	8,530	820	8.8%
KERN	385,100	335,900	49,100	12.8%
KINGS	63,200	54,600	8,600	13.6%
LAKE	25,740	22,130	3,610	14.0%
LASSEN	12,770	11,220	1,550	12.1%
LOS ANGELES	4,818,600	4,279,500	539,100	11.2%
MADERA	65,800	57,200	8,600	13.0%
MARIN	139,500	130,600	8,800	6.3%
MARIPOSA	10,610	9,680	930	8.8%
MENDOCINO	42,010	38,080	3,930	9.3%
MERCED	109,400	92,000	17,400	15.9%
MODOC	3,760	3,280	480	12.8%
MONO	8,570	7,730	840	9.8%
MONTEREY	234,800	213,300	21,600	9.2%
NAPA	77,000	71,300	5,800	7.5%
NEVADA	51,140	46,570	4,570	8.9%
ORANGE	1,613,700	1,490,000	123,700	7.7%
PLACER	176,100	159,700	16,400	9.3%
PLUMAS	9,510	8,300	1,210	12.8%
RIVERSIDE	943,300	823,400	119,900	12.7%
SACRAMENTO	680,300	607,400	72,900	10.7%
SAN BENITO	25,700	23,100	2,700	10.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	860,600	758,900	101,700	11.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,603,800	1,459,900	143,900	9.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	475,600	440,500	35,100	7.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	302,200	259,200	43,100	14.3%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	139,000	127,700	11,300	8.1%
SAN MATEO	391,500	364,900	26,600	6.8%
SANTA BARBARA	229,400	212,000	17,400	7.6%
SANTA CLARA	916,200	838,600	77,500	8.5%
SANTA CRUZ	155,900	141,200	14,700	9.4%
SHASTA	83,100	72,700	10,400	12.5%
SIERRA	1,770	1,580	200	11.1%
SISKIYOU	19,500	16,860	2,640	13.5%
SOLANO	217,600	196,000	21,700	10.0%
SONOMA	262,800	241,000	21,800	8.3%
STANISLAUS	235,800	201,500	34,300	14.5%
SUTTER	42,300	35,900	6,400	15.2%
TEHAMA	24,130	20,720	3,410	14.1%
TRINITY	5,000	4,280	710	14.3%
TULARE	207,000	175,900	31,200	15.0%
TUOLUMNE	25,740	22,830	2,910	11.3%
VENTURA	430,600	390,300	40,300	9.4%
YOLO	97,000	87,600	9,400	9.7%
YUBA	28,200	23,400	4,800	17.1%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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